the judgment given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the said case. At present the Government is carefully examining various aspects/implications of the aforesaid judgment.

UN assistance for women and children

300. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is receiving any financial assistance from United Nations to address the problems being faced by the women and children, particularly from the below poverty line income groups, both from the rural and urban areas;

(b) if so, whether Central Government is contributing its share of allocation to the above assistance; and

(c) if so, the break-up of funds earmarked by Government and the United Nations during the last three years, and the actual expenditure made in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Grants to voluntary organizations for the development of tormented women and children

†301. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided any grant to voluntary organizations for the development of tormented women and children, during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether any grant has been provided to voluntary organizations in West Bengal also; and

(d) what parameters have been formulated to ensure the proper use of grants provided to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) There is no specific scheme for providing grant to voluntary organizations for the development of tormented women and children. However, there are schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development for care and protection of women and children.

These schemes for women includes the scheme 'Ujjawala' for prevention of trafficking, rescue and rehabilitation of victims of trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation, 'STEP' for providing knowledge for skill development to poor and assetless women in traditional sectors such as Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Fisheries etc., "Swadhar" "Short Stay Homes" and "Women Helpline" for relief, protection and rehabilitation of women in distress.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The schemes for children include "Scheme for Prevention and Control of Juvenile Social Maladjustment", Scheme for welfare of working children in need of care and protection" and "Integrated Scheme for Street Children."

(c) State-wise and year-wise details of the voluntary organizations receiving grant under the schemes, including West Bengal, are available on the website of this Ministry at www.wcd.nic.in.

(d) All the Schemes of the Ministry are being properly monitored through an in-built system of monitoring in each scheme.

Malnutrition in Madhya Pradesh

302. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that severe malnutrition has claimed the lives of around 125 children under six years in four districts of Madhya Pradesh, since May, 2008;

(b) whether Government is also aware that there are 33,000 malnourished children in that State in the 0—5 age-group;

(c) what has been done by the Ministry in this regard;

(d) what kind of coordination the Ministry has with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to identify the areas where children and mothers are victims of malnutrition; and

(e) what measures are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) There have been reports, in recent months, of deaths of children due to malnutrition in some districts of Madhya Pradesh. The Madhya Pradesh Government has reported that there has been no death of children under six due to malnutrition. However, malnutrition is high in some parts of Madhya Pradesh and is often a contributing factor for deaths due to disease among the children.

(b) The State Government has conducted 12th round of Bal Sanjivini Campaign, according to which there are 48,220 severely malnourished children in age group 0-5 years, in the State.

(c) The State has been allocated a quantity of 21852 MTs of Wheat and 2109 MTs of Rice under the Wheat Based Nutrition Programme for the first two quarters of the year 2008-09.

As amount of Rs.82.90 crores has also been released as Government of India's share, under the Supplementary Nutrition Programme, during the year 2008-09.

Grant-in-aid, under the ICDS Scheme, to the tune of Rs.102.34 crore till September 2008, has also been released by the Government of India to the Government of Madhya Pradesh.